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**AMENDMENT "A"**

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Sir:

Responding to a November 27, 1998 Office Action (Paper No. 5), kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

- ✓Page 4,                  line 16, delete "has" insert --each have--;  
                                line 17, change "of" to --on--;  
                                same line, change "surface" to --surfaces--.  
  
✓Page 6,                  line 11, change "costs" to --cost--.  
  
Page 8,                  line 9, change "embodiments" to --embodiment--.  
  
✓Page 9,                  line 22, change "11" to --1--.  
  
Page 11,                 line 21, change "flat" to --flats--.  
  
Page 12,                 line 7, before "substantially" insert --, respectively,--.  
  
✓Page 13,                 line 1, change "extending" to --which extend--;

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